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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a Divisional application of prior pending Application No. 09/897,984, filed July 5, 2001.

For (Title): CHEMICAL MODIFICATION OF THE SURFACE OF NATURAL FIBERS

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1. ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
- ☒ a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
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2. ☒ The filing fee based on entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment is calculated below:

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3. ☒ A Check in the amount of \$403 to cover the filing fee is attached.
4. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.
5. ☒ Cancel claims 1-11, 13, 16 and 18 of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
6. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This is a Divisional of Application No. 09/897,984 filed July 5, 2001. The disclosure of the prior application(s) is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--
7. ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1A-2B) are attached.
8. ☒ Priority of foreign application No. 00830474.3 filed July 5, 2000 in European Patent Office is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
9. ☒ The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. 09/897,984 on July 5, 2001.

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10. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Universita' Degli Studi Di Bologna recorded at Reel 011968, Frame 0505 on July 5, 2001.
11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached along with Form PTO-1449.
12. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
12. ☒ Small entity status:  
☒ A small entity statement was filed in the parent application and such status is still proper and desired.
13. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the application is to:

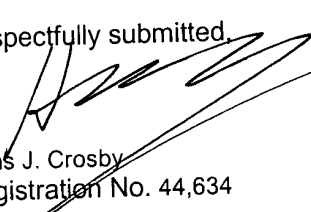
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